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ANOTHER GAME LOST BECAUSE OF A PASS

Base on Balls After Six Great Innings Starts Undoing of Walter Johnson—Peculiar Record Sustained. Groom Works Today.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Washington vs. Athletics today, 4 p. m.

Here we are again, near the cellar, and who shall say "going up"? This day the Washington team is within sixty-five points of the old berth in which it has been at home for many years. Perhaps the chances there we shall be more comfortable.

The little jests of commiseration for the inhabitants of St. Louis because they live in a tall-end town, will have to be choked off.

Bob Groom is called to pitch this afternoon. If Groom does not blow up he should make a fair showing against the Athletics, judging on the work they did against Johnson yesterday. Johnson fanned nine of the first eighteen men who faced him, and it was only the coincidence of his shoots becoming solvable and his support faltering at the same time which gave the Athletics a chance to win, as they did, by 3 to 2. But, if Groom has the slightest tendency to take an ascension, there will be a sad time at our ball yard. The Athletics like a cheerful giver and show their appreciation by making the most of passes. They did so yesterday when they took hold of the first pass presented by Johnson, who was to Hartel in the seventh inning—the second man they had gotten to first—and Collins made the Athletics' second hit, a two-bagger, which scored Hartel. That is the caliber of the Athletics, and makes us fear the worst if Groom is not on the job every minute this afternoon.

Not a man left on bases for the Athletics in the first six innings—then came the calamity.

George McBride broke into the line-light again by making the only Washington hit that counted for anything. Where does he get the faculty of turning such tricks? He drove in both Washington runs with a perfectly upright single to center in the fourth inning, and the same supposedly weak stick opened the seventh inning with a neat single to left, but was unopposed by Schaefer. For a man with an attenuated batting average, McBride has been phenomenally successful. Perhaps he is one of those great minds who take life easily until confronted by a crisis, then spring into violent action. This is a characteristic of great generals, burglars, and pinch hitters. An alienist could look the boy in the eye and tell at a glance that in an emergency he would always be there with some deed of valor. He is a sweet youth and the fans love him much.

Milan did not get a hit yesterday nor in the second game on Monday, but he is not the kind to remain long in a slump. Without this team would look positively foolish.

A peculiarity of the Washington team in the early days of the season, when things were breaking badly, and it was losing all sorts of hard luck games, was that it could jump on an excellent pitcher who wavered but a fraction of a minute and slap out enough hits to cause trouble. Recently that has not been so much in evidence, although shut outs have been uncommon. The team had hopes yesterday that the old slugging had returned when Plank weakened in the fourth. Milan opened the inning by hitting Leivelt, who was safe on Lapp's poor throw to second on a dumpy hit. Elberfeld lined out to Plank. Gessler was also appeared in the ribs by a wild shot, filling the bases. At this juncture McBride temporarily upheld the supremacy of Washington.

Standings and Possibilities

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results.
Philadelphia, 3; Washington, 2.
New York, 3; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 6; Chicago, 5.
Detroit, 5; Cleveland, 2.

Today's Games.
Philadelphia at Washington.
Boston at New York.
St. Louis at Detroit.
Chicago at Cleveland.

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.	Loss.
Philadelphia	44	22	.667	372	367
New York	38	26	.594	390	385
Detroit	41	29	.585	383	369
Boston	35	28	.556	363	347
Cleveland	28	32	.467	415	439
Chicago	29	35	.448	419	453
Washington	25	42	.373	382	398
St. Louis	20	43	.317	328	413

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results.
Boston, 5; New York, 4.
Philadelphia, 3; Brooklyn, 2.
Chicago, 11; Pittsburgh, 2.
Cincinnati, 5; St. Louis, 3.

Today's Games.
Chicago at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.
New York at Boston.

Standing of the Clubs

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.	Lose.
Chicago	42	22	.656	392	346
New York	39	24	.619	325	349
Cincinnati	34	32	.515	322	347
Pittsburg	32	31	.508	316	350
Philadelphia	32	32	.500	348	352
St. Louis	29	38	.431	341	384
Brooklyn	26	37	.412	322	406
Boston	24	45	.348	257	343

SOUTHERN RAILWAY LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Auditors	6	0	1.000
Traffic	7	2	.777
Operating	8	2	.800
Bookkeeping	9	2	.818
Treasurers	10	2	.833
Law	11	2	.846

GAME TOMORROW.

Auditors vs. Operating.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.
Traffic, 13; Bookkeepers, 4.

GROUND.

West diamond, Ellipse.

Yesterday's contest between the Traffic aggregation and Bookkeepers went seven innings with the score 13 to 4 in favor of Traffic. The winners got in O'Brien in the initial half before the slaughter was stopped had scored eight runs.

The pitching honors were about even, Baumann striking out six and his opponent five. Traffic secured one more hit, but made them count.

Torrey made his debut with the Bookkeeping squad and got two nice hits. Another newcomer with the losers was Gains, who covered the second sack. He felled well but was unable to find Baumann at the stick.

Craven and Robinson both caught in form. Craven's work being especially clean cut. His catch of a high foul was the feature play. The black-haired boy is always in the game, working from start to finish, and is a good man to pitch to.

Carter slammed a long fly toward the left field foul line in the third inning, which would have been a homer had it been fair. Umpire Laughton does not give decisions on "ifs," so Carter goes without his possible home run.

CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cornell Company	11	3	.785
Sewage Pump, Sta.	7	4	.636
Aloysius	6	5	.545
Navy Yard	5	8	.385
St. Stephens	4	9	.308
Midways	3	10	.231

GAME TODAY.

Midways vs. Sewage Pumping Station.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

Game postponed.

GROUND.

First and M streets northeast.

St. Stephens was given another opportunity to retain a Capital City franchise yesterday when Cornell Company failed to produce a full team and the game was postponed. Unless some improvement can be made in this matter of forfeited games the league will undoubtedly lose its good patronage.

Cornell Company lost another good player the other day when Jimmy Kerr was transferred to the Bankers' League. Manager Cornell is in a bad way for players, and unless he can sign a few before Tuesday his team's standing will be endangered.

McCarthy, of Midways, is a good man to lead off the batting order. Nearly every game he receives a pass from the pitcher, and he is fast on the base.

Charlie King is again holding down first for the Cornell Tigers. When "Cy" MacDonald left for Greensboro, Hessler was shifted to second, and Charlie was again given his old position.

Trowbridge, the shortstop for Midways, has been service with several professional league clubs. When he made the Capital City his home. From the article of ball that he is now putting up, it is very likely that he will again sign with some minor league team.

You have to get a big lead on Norman Kraft, if you wish to win. He is a fast runner, but he is not a fast man to steal bases. His throws go to second like rifle bullets, and it is only a fast man that beats him out.

Graham, of Midways, is a one-hand artist. He takes many of his throws to first in this manner, but unlike many other players, he never drops them.

The game scheduled for yesterday between Aloysius and Navy Yard had been called off at the request of both managers. The game was called off at the request of both managers. The game was called off at the request of both managers.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Andrews	11	2	.846
Herald	12	4	.750
R. & W. Club	6	3	.667
Southern Club	6	3	.667
D. N. Walford	4	9	.308

GAME TODAY.

Walford vs. Berry & Whitmore.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

No game.

GROUND.

Georgia avenue and Kenyon street northwest.

The Commercial League held an important meeting last night at the office of R. P. Andrews Company. All of the players were present, and an explanation given by many players is that the grounds have much to do with the league. Some say that the long grass precludes any possibility of getting hits on many ground balls, as the force of the hit is deadened in the long grass, and the ball comes to the infielder so that he can knock it down with ease. They claim that on the stained diamonds they get many hits through the infield that they cannot in the Departmental League.

OLYMPIA LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Stephens	9	1	.909
Olive	1	8	.111
Tenleytown	7	6	.538
Georgetown	7	6	.538
Spartans	2	9	.181

GAME TODAY.

Tenleytown vs. St. Stephens.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

Georgetown, 5; Spartans, 2.

GROUND.

Thirty-fifth and V streets northwest.

The Spartans dropped a poorly played game to the new Georgetown team, 5 to 2. The losers were outplayed in every department of the game.

Marsden, for Spartans, made several fine stops and throws and cut several hits off by his good playing.

Benton and Burke, of the winners, were the sluggers of the day, each getting out three safe hits.

Spartan used three pitchers, and all of them received their bumps.

B. Howard, at short for the winners, put up a good game. The diminutive infielder was all over the place and put up a great game.

Bromley pitched a good game for the winners and had the Spartans outplayed at all stages. Cantwell and Wright were the only ones who could hit him consistently.

Nelson played a strong game in center for the losers. His quick return of the ball on Benton's two-bagger caught the runner at third.

Lyons, of Spartans, struck out eleven St. Stephens' batters in eight innings the other day, while McDonough punched nine of the Spartans in six innings.

Daly, of St. Stephens, has broken into the game at last. The flame-topped slugger was batted several weeks ago on account of his behavior on the playing field. His return to the game will benefit St. Stephens a great deal.

Beach, another Tenleytown player, who was disciplined, broke into the game last Friday and was there with a timely hit in the first inning.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Ninth	11	2	.846
Hamline	11	4	.733
Anacostia	8	3	.727
Peck	9	3	.698
Langdon	4	10	.286
Sixth	2	10	.167

GAME TODAY.

Peck vs. Sixth.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

Langdon, 5; Hamline, 2.

GROUND.

Thirtieth and D streets northeast.

Hamline lost its fourth to Langdon.

Birch relieved Dore in the sixth, for Hamline, and struck the side out.

Mattingly's running's catch of Miller's foul fly to left in the fourth was clever. The fielder jumped over many heads in the crowd before he got to the ball.

Langdon's two new acquisitions, King, at short, and Cleveland, behind the bat, proved valuable assets. The former hit safely twice in three times up and fielded cleanly. Cleveland terrorized base runners by his accurate throw, and also drove out two singles in three trips to the plate.

Owing to a scarcity of players, Manager "Paddy" Holmes, of Hamline, was forced to enter the game. He fanned five in two and one-third innings in the ninth, with a runner on third, when a hit would have won the game. This is further proof that a champ can't come back and make good.

Hamline's double play in the third is worthy of mention. Cleveland, Langdon's first batter, hit safely. Porter then followed with a slow grounder toward third. Shaeffer ran in, snatched the ball and threw to first in time to catch Porter. Cleveland made second on the play, and started for third, but Shaeffer ran back and covered that corner in ample time to receive the ball.

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RAILROAD Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Adams	12	1	.923
Southern	7	2	.778
Car Department	9	4	.688
Shoppers	2	10	.167
Trainsmen	2	8	.200
Station	2	9	.182

GAME TODAY.

Southern Railway vs. Trainsmen.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

Adams, 5; Shoppers, 9 (forfeited).

GROUND.

Fifth street and Florida avenue northeast.

The Shoppers could not muster a full nine and the game was forfeited to Adams. In order not to disappoint the large crowd an exhibition game was played, in which the Expressmen came out victorious, 7 to 5.

MARQUETTE LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Columbia	10	3	.769
Pension Bureau	9	5	.643
Diamond	5	5	.500
C. & P. Tel.	4	4	.500
Hygienic Laboratory	2	7	.286
G. F. O.	2	9	.182

GAME TODAY.

C. P. O. vs. Pension Bureau.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT.

Columbia, 10; C. & P. 4.

GROUND.

First and W streets northwest.

The Columbia Printers were enabled to defeat the C. & P. Telephone Company through the great pitching of Herrick. The big fellow fanned eleven, held the Telephone boys to six scattered hits. Had he been properly supported he would have scored a shut-out.

Tony Suss played a stellar game. He got four hits, two of which were doubles, and caught a good game. Suss and Herrick are fast getting into form for the coming intercity printers' series, when it is expected that they will form the star battery.

Twelve hits were made off of the Telephone pitchers. Of these Zirkle allowed five in two and one-third innings and Cox seven in six and two-thirds.

The C. & P. team tried out a new infield. Fristoe took a try at first. Morgan played second and Hurdle short, with Langdon in his old position at third. It didn't seem to work well, for each made an error.

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